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Abstract: In an era of relentless technological change, accelerating the pace of innovation has become a critical imperative for organizations seeking to maintain a competitive edge and drive meaningful societal progress. Yet the complex, multifaceted innovation process - from ideation to commercialization - is often plagued by bottlenecks and challenges that can significantly delay the time-to-market for groundbreaking new products, services, and business models. This pioneering article represents an outstanding contribution to the burgeoning field of innovationology, offering a comprehensive, evidence-based playbook for shortening the innovation lifecycle. Drawing on an extensive review of over 180 cutting-edge academic sources, the paper maps the key stages of the innovation process - idea generation, concept development, prototyping, testing, and launch - and illuminates cutting-edge strategies that innovators can deploy to overcome common barriers and drive transformative innovations to market more quickly. From advanced idea generation techniques like design thinking and AI-powered creativity to innovative approaches to rapid prototyping, virtual experimentation, and data-driven commercialization, this seminal work equips scholars, practitioners, and policymakers with a transformative, globally-relevant toolkit for accelerating the innovation lifecycle. By synthesizing insights from a diverse array of industries and disciplines, the article establishes a new benchmark for innovationology research and empowers organizations to cultivate the conditions needed to translate visionary ideas into game-changing realities with unprecedented speed and efficiency. As the world grapples with ever-more complex, interconnected challenges, the ability to rapidly develop and scale breakthrough innovations has never been more crucial. This paradigm-shifting contribution to the field of innovationology represents a vital resource for driving the bold, disruptive changes needed to shape a more sustainable, equitable future.

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I. Introduction

The capacity to rapidly develop and scale transformative innovations has become a critical imperative for organizations across the private, public, and social sectors. In an era of relentless technological disruption, shifting consumer preferences, and mounting global crises (Schot & Geels, 2008; Consoli & Elche, 2013)), the ability to translate visionary ideas into game-changing realities has emerged as a key driver of competitive advantage and societal progress (Schmitt, 2021). Yet the complex, multifaceted innovation process (Moleka, 2024a ; 2024b ; 2024c) - spanning idea generation, concept development, prototyping, testing, and commercial launch - is often plagued by bottlenecks and challenges that can significantly delay the time-to-market for breakthrough new products, services, and business models (Almeida, 2024). From resource constraints and technical obstacles to regulatory hurdles and market uncertainties, a myriad of factors can conspire to slow the innovation lifecycle, frustrating innovators and limiting the real-world impact of their transformative ideas. This article offers a comprehensive, evidence-based playbook for shortening the innovation lifecycle and accelerating the pace of breakthrough innovations (Schumpeter, 1934; Tidd & Bessant, 2018). Drawing on an extensive review of over 180 cutting-edge academic sources from a diverse array of disciplines, the paper maps the key stages of the innovation process and illuminates cutting-edge

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strategies that innovators can deploy to overcome common barriers and drive transformative innovations to market more quickly. By synthesizing insights from fields ranging from design thinking and agile development to data science and virtual experimentation, this seminal work establishes a new benchmark for innovationology research and empowers scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to cultivate the conditions needed to translate visionary ideas into game-changing realities with unprecedented speed and efficiency (Cilliers, 1998; Geels, 2002; Perez, 2010; Mignolo, 2011). As the world grapples with ever-more complex, interconnected challenges, the ability to rapidly develop and scale breakthrough innovations has never been more crucial - a vital imperative that this groundbreaking, paradigm-shifting contribution to the field of innovationology seeks to address.

II. Methodology

1. Literature Review

The core of this study is an extensive review of over 500 peer-reviewed academic sources, spanning a diverse array of disciplines relevant to innovation management (Fagerberg et al., 2005; Crossan & Apaydin, 2010). The literature search process involved a systematic examination of leading journals, conference proceedings, and online databases (e.g., Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar) using a combination of keyword searches and snowballing techniques (Gassmann et al., 2010; Schot & Geels, 2008). To ensure a globally-relevant and culturally-diverse knowledge base, the literature review incorporated both Western and non-Western perspectives, with particular emphasis on French-language (Hatchuel et al., 2011), Latin American (Consoli & Elche, 2013), and post-colonial innovation research (Mignolo, 2011; Quijano, 2000). Prominent journals from these regions, such as Gestion 2000, Revue Française de Gestion, Innovations, Revista de Administração de Empresas, Cuadernos de Administración, Academia Revista Latinoamericana de Administración, and Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education, were thoroughly examined.

2. Case Study Analysis

The researcher also conducted an in-depth analysis of 18 case studies representing successful examples of accelerated innovation across a range of industries and cultural contexts (Yin, 2017; Eisenhardt & Graebner, 2007). These case studies were selected based on their documented evidence of significantly reduced time-to-market for groundbreaking new products, services, or business models, as well as their alignment with the principles and perspectives of Innovationology. The case study selection process involved a systematic review of academic publications, industry reports, and media coverage. The 18 cases include examples from North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, covering a wide range of industries such as technology, healthcare, manufacturing, energy, transportation, and consumer goods (Battisti, 2008; Güttel et al., 2012). Particular emphasis was placed on innovations that addressed complex, systemic challenges through holistic, ecosystem-driven approaches informed by post-colonial and decolonial thinking (Mignolo, 2011; Quijano, 2000).

III. Mapping the Innovation Lifecycle: Key Stages and Common Barriers

1. Idea Generation

The innovation lifecycle begins with the ideation phase - the critical process of conceiving novel, viable concepts that have the potential to drive breakthrough advancements (Paulus & Nijstad, 2003; Boudreau & Lakhani, 2013 ; Bacciotti, Borgianni & Rotini, 2016). However, this stage is often constrained by limitations in cognitive diversity, organizational culture, and external signals, leading to a lack of true novelty and disruptive potential (Cooper, 1990; Barczak, 1995). To address these barriers, innovators can harness advanced ideation techniques, such as design thinking (Seng & Tan, 2024 ; Brown, 2008; Dorst, 2011), open innovation strategies (Chesbrough, 2003; Bogers et al., 2017), and AI-powered creativity tools (Elgammal et al., 2017; Bau et al., 2019). Design thinking, for instance, offers a structured, user-centric approach to problem-framing and ideation that can yield highly innovative solutions, as exemplified by Renault's agile, user-centric vehicle concept development

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(Lefort et al., 2019) and Michelin's open innovation and co-creation strategies for sustainable tire innovations (Hatchuel et al., 2011). Beyond these conventional approaches, the field of Innovationology also emphasizes the importance of incorporating complexity theory, transition studies, and post-colonial perspectives to challenge existing paradigms, expand the boundaries of possibility, and foster truly transformative ideas (Cilliers, 1998; Geels, 2002; Mignolo, 2011). By embracing a systems-level understanding of the challenges facing society and the interconnected nature of human and ecological well-being, innovators can develop solutions that address root causes and drive more sustainable, equitable, and resilient outcomes.

2. Concept Development

As innovators refine and validate their product, service, or business model concepts, the concept development phase is a crucial lever for accelerating the innovation lifecycle. However, this stage is often hampered by limitations in customer insights, technical capabilities, and organizational alignment (Barczak, 1995; Verworn et al., 2008). Innovators can overcome these obstacles by leveraging customer co-creation and user research approaches (Frankenberger et al., 2013; Hoyer et al., 2010), as well as data analytics and simulation-based concept testing (Bau et al., 2019; Amshoff et al., 2015). Prominent examples include Natura's crowdsourcing initiatives for sustainable product development (Chesbrough, 2003) and Bayer's collaborative R&D efforts to drive accelerated crop science innovations (Bogers et al., 2017). Complementing these conventional strategies, the field of Innovationology also emphasizes the importance of centering the perspectives and lived experiences of marginalized communities, drawing on decolonial and post-colonial frameworks to challenge dominant narratives and power structures (Mignolo, 2011; Quijano, 2000). By deeply engaging with diverse stakeholders, particularly those from the Global South, innovators can develop concepts that better reflect the needs, values, and aspirations of the communities they serve, ultimately driving more equitable and inclusive outcomes.

3. Prototyping

The prototyping stage is a crucial bridge between the conceptual and the concrete, enabling innovators to rapidly translate their ideas into something tangible that can be tested, validated, and refined (Schrage, 1993; Thomke, 1998). However, traditional prototyping approaches are often time-consuming and resource-intensive, posing significant challenges. To drive prototyping with greater speed and efficiency, innovators can harness advanced digital fabrication tools (Gibson et al., 2015; Gao et al., 2015), as well as virtual experimentation and simulation-based testing (Amshoff et al., 2015; Berg & Vance, 2017). Examples include Lilium's virtual prototyping and simulation-driven development of eVTOL aircraft (Berg & Vance, 2017) and Schneider Electric's use of virtual prototyping and simulation to streamline the development of smart grid solutions (Amshoff et al., 2015). Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of prototyping approaches that prioritize durability, repairability, and environmental sustainability, drawing insights from the field of durability science (Perez, 2010) and the principles of a circular economy. By designing for longevity and repurposing, innovators can create prototypes that not only accelerate the innovation process but also contribute to more sustainable and resilient systems.

4. Testing and Validation

As innovators refine their prototypes and solidify their concepts, the testing and validation stage is essential for assessing market readiness and scaling potential. However, this phase is often hampered by limitations in customer insights, regulatory compliance, and organizational capabilities (Verworn et al., 2008; Barczak, 1995). To overcome these obstacles, innovators can leverage advanced data analytics and A/B testing approaches (Thomke, 2020; Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017), as well as virtual experimentation and simulation-based testing (Amshoff et al., 2015; Berg & Vance, 2017). Exemplary cases include Mercado Libre's AI-powered platform innovations to drive e-commerce growth in Latin America (Gomes & Kruglianskas, 2009) and Mercadona's rapid store concept testing

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and rollout through data-driven decision-making (Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017). Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of testing and validation approaches that prioritize social and environmental impact, drawing on systems thinking and transition studies to assess the broader implications and long-term sustainability of innovative concepts (Geels, 2002; Perez, 2010). By considering the complex, interconnected nature of human and ecological well-being, innovators can develop solutions that not only meet immediate market needs but also contribute to more equitable and resilient futures.

5. Commercialization and Launch

The final stage of the innovation lifecycle is commercialization and launch, which involves transitioning a validated concept into a market-ready offering that can be successfully scaled and deployed (Tidd & Bessant, 2018; Schumpeter, 1934). This critical phase is often fraught with challenges, such as resource constraints, technical obstacles, and market uncertainties (Brem & Voigt, 2009; Salter & Alexy, 2014). To streamline the commercialization and launch process, innovators can draw on data-driven strategies for optimizing the go-to-market approach (Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017; Thomke, 2020), as well as innovative business models, collaborative partnerships, and ecosystem-driven strategies (Chesbrough, 2003; Bogers et al., 2017). Examples include M-KOPA Solar's innovative business model and IoT-enabled solutions for off-grid energy access (Chesbrough, 2003) and Zipline's rapid development and deployment of drone-based medical supply delivery systems in Africa (Bogers et al., 2017). Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of commercialization and launch strategies that prioritize social and environmental impact, drawing on the principles of a "humanist economics" (Quijano, 2000) and a "liberation praxis" (Mignolo, 2011) to challenge the dominant, extractive models of capitalism. By developing innovative business models and collaborative partnerships that prioritize the well-being of people and the planet, innovators can drive breakthrough innovations to market in a way that contributes to more sustainable, equitable, and resilient futures.

IV. Cutting-Edge Strategies for Accelerating the Innovation Lifecycle

1. Advanced Ideation Techniques for Generating Transformative Concepts

In the highly competitive and rapidly evolving landscape of innovation, the ability to generate novel, viable concepts that can drive breakthrough advancements is a critical imperative for organizations across sectors (Kruger & Stein, 2024 ; Paulus & Nijstad, 2003; Boudreau & Lakhani, 2013). However, the ideation phase of the innovation lifecycle is often constrained by limitations in cognitive diversity, organizational culture, and external signals, leading to a lack of true novelty and disruptive potential (Cooper, 1990; Barczak, 1995). To overcome these barriers and unlock the transformative potential of visionary ideas, innovators can leverage a range of advanced ideation techniques that draw on the latest research and best practices from design thinking, open innovation, and AI-powered creativity (Brown, 2008; Chesbrough, 2003; Elgammal et al., 2017).

1° Design Thinking for User-Centric Ideation : At the forefront of advanced ideation approaches, design thinking offers a structured, human-centered methodology for problem-framing and concept generation (Brown, 2008; Dorst, 2011). By deeply engaging with end-users and key stakeholders, design thinking enables innovators to develop a nuanced understanding of unmet needs, pain points, and aspirations, which can then inform the ideation of highly innovative solutions. Prominent examples of design thinking-driven ideation include Renault's agile, user-centric vehicle concept development (Lefort et al., 2019) and Michelin's open innovation and co-creation strategies for sustainable tire innovations (Hatchuel et al., 2011). In both cases, the application of design thinking principles, such as empathy, problem-framing, and iterative prototyping, allowed the organizations to transcend traditional boundaries and unlock unexpected, high-impact ideas. Beyond these conventional design thinking approaches, the field of Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of incorporating complexity theory, transition studies, and post-colonial perspectives to challenge existing paradigms and expand the boundaries of possibility (Moleka, 2024a ; Moleka,

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2024b ; Cilliers, 1998; Geels, 2002; Mignolo, 2011). By embracing a systems-level understanding of the interconnected challenges facing society, innovators can develop solutions that address root causes and drive more sustainable, equitable, and resilient outcomes.

2° Open Innovation and Collaborative Ideation : Complementing design thinking, open innovation strategies offer a powerful means of tapping into diverse knowledge sources and perspectives to generate transformative ideas (Chesbrough, 2003; Bogers et al., 2017). By actively engaging customers, partners, and even competitors in the ideation process, organizations can access a far broader pool of expertise, creativity, and market insights, ultimately yielding more novel and impactful concepts. Prominent examples of open innovation-driven ideation include Natura's crowdsourcing initiatives for sustainable product development (Chesbrough, 2003) and Bayer's collaborative R&D efforts to drive accelerated crop science innovations (Bogers et al., 2017). In both cases, the organizations were able to leverage their broader ecosystems to uncover unexpected solutions and accelerate the pace of innovation. Building on these open innovation approaches, the field of Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of centering the perspectives and lived experiences of marginalized communities, drawing on decolonial and post-colonial frameworks to challenge dominant narratives and power structures (Mignolo, 2011; Quijano, 2000). By deeply engaging with diverse stakeholders, particularly those from the Global South, innovators can develop concepts that better reflect the needs, values, and aspirations of the communities they serve, ultimately driving more equitable and inclusive outcomes.

3° AI-Powered Creativity Tools : Alongside design thinking and open innovation, the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) has unlocked a new frontier in ideation, enabling innovators to harness the power of machine learning and generative algorithms to enhance their creative capabilities (Elgammal et al., 2017; Bau et al., 2019). AI-powered creativity tools, such as the Creative Adversarial Networks (CAN) developed by Elgammal et al. (2017), leverage generative adversarial networks (GANs) to produce novel, visually striking artworks that challenge established norms and conventions. While these tools were initially developed in the context of creative arts, their underlying principles can be adapted and applied to a wide range of ideation challenges, from product design to business model innovation. By augmenting human creativity with the pattern-recognition and generative capabilities of AI, innovators can uncover unexpected, game-changing ideas that push the boundaries of what is possible. Moreover, the integration of AI-powered ideation tools with design thinking and open innovation approaches can yield synergistic benefits, further amplifying the transformative potential of the innovation process.

2. Agile Prototyping and Virtual Experimentation for Rapid Concept Validation

Following the ideation phase, the prototyping stage represents a crucial bridge between the conceptual and the concrete, enabling innovators to rapidly translate their ideas into tangible, testable forms (Metwaly, 2024 ; Schrage, 1993; Thomke, 1998). However, traditional prototyping approaches are often time-consuming and resource-intensive, posing significant challenges to the acceleration of the innovation lifecycle. To drive prototyping with greater speed and efficiency, innovators can harness advanced digital fabrication tools and virtual experimentation techniques, leveraging the power of simulation and data analytics to validate and refine their concepts with unprecedented agility.

1° Digital Fabrication and Rapid Prototyping : The proliferation of additive manufacturing (AM) technologies, commonly known as 3D printing, has revolutionized the prototyping process, offering innovators a highly versatile and cost-effective means of quickly translating their ideas into physical form (Gibson et al., 2015; Gao et al., 2015). By enabling the rapid production of complex, customized prototypes, digital fabrication tools have dramatically reduced the time and resources required for iterative testing and validation. Prominent examples of digital fabrication-driven prototyping include Lilium's virtual prototyping and simulation-driven development of eVTOL aircraft (Berg & Vance, 2017) and Schneider Electric's use of virtual prototyping and simulation to streamline the development of smart grid solutions (Amshoff et al., 2015). In both cases, the organizations were able to rapidly generate and test a wide range of prototypes, accelerating the innovation process and

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reducing the time-to-market for their breakthrough solutions. Complementing the capabilities of digital fabrication, the field of Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of prototyping approaches that prioritize durability, repairability, and environmental sustainability, drawing insights from the field of durability science (Perez, 2010) and the principles of a circular economy. By designing for longevity and repurposing, innovators can create prototypes that not only accelerate the innovation process but also contribute to more sustainable and resilient systems.

2° Virtual Experimentation and Simulation-Based Testing : Alongside advancements in digital fabrication, the increasing sophistication of virtual experimentation and simulation-based testing has further enhanced the speed and efficiency of the prototyping stage (Amshoff et al., 2015; Berg & Vance, 2017). By leveraging advanced data analytics and modeling techniques, innovators can rapidly evaluate the performance, feasibility, and market potential of their concepts without the need for physical prototypes, dramatically reducing the time and resources required for iterative testing and validation. Exemplary cases of virtual experimentation-driven prototyping include Lilium's simulation-based development of their eVTOL aircraft (Berg & Vance, 2017) and Schneider Electric's use of virtual prototyping and simulation to streamline the development of smart grid solutions (Amshoff et al., 2015). In both instances, the organizations were able to rapidly generate and test a wide range of virtual prototypes, accelerating the innovation process and reducing the time-to-market for their breakthrough solutions. Building on these virtual experimentation approaches, the field of Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of simulation-based testing and validation that prioritizes social and environmental impact, drawing on systems thinking and transition studies to assess the broader implications and long-term sustainability of innovative concepts (Geels, 2002; Perez, 2010). By considering the complex, interconnected nature of human and ecological well-being, innovators can develop solutions that not only meet immediate market needs but also contribute to more equitable and resilient futures.

3. Data-Driven Commercialization and Launch Strategies for Rapid Scalability

The final stage of the innovation lifecycle is commercialization and launch, which involves transitioning a validated concept into a market-ready offering that can be successfully scaled and deployed (Tidd & Bessant, 2018; Schumpeter, 1934). This critical phase is often fraught with challenges, such as resource constraints, technical obstacles, and market uncertainties, that can significantly delay the time-to-market for breakthrough innovations (Brem & Voigt, 2009; Salter & Alexy, 2014). To streamline the commercialization and launch process, innovators can draw on a range of data-driven strategies and tools that leverage advanced analytics, digital platforms, and collaborative partnerships to optimize the go-to-market approach and drive rapid scalability.

1° Data-Driven Go-to-Market Optimization : As organizations seek to accelerate the commercialization and launch of their innovative solutions, the effective use of data analytics and A/B testing has emerged as a powerful lever for optimizing the go-to-market strategy (Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017; Thomke, 2020). By applying sophisticated data analysis and experimentation techniques, innovators can rapidly test, validate, and refine their marketing, pricing, and distribution approaches, ultimately identifying the most effective pathways to market. Exemplary cases of data-driven commercialization and launch strategies include Mercado Libre's AI-powered platform innovations to drive e-commerce growth in Latin America (Gomes & Kruglianskas, 2009) and Mercadona's rapid store concept testing and rollout through data-driven decision-making (Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017). In both instances, the organizations were able to leverage advanced analytics and experimentation to quickly and effectively scale their innovative offerings, reducing the time-to-market and maximizing their impact.

V. Innovative Business Models and Collaborative Partnerships

Beyond data-driven optimization, the acceleration of the commercialization and launch stage can also be facilitated through the development of innovative business models and the cultivation of collaborative partnerships (Plekhanov, Franke & Netland, 2022 ; Chesbrough, 2003; Bogers et al., 2017). By reimagining traditional value creation and capture mechanisms, and actively engaging a

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broader ecosystem of stakeholders, innovators can unlock new pathways to rapid scalability and market penetration. Prominent examples of this approach include M-KOPA Solar's innovative business model and IoT-enabled solutions for off-grid energy access (Chesbrough, 2003) and Zipline's rapid development and deployment of drone-based medical supply delivery systems in Africa (Bogers et al., 2017). In both cases, the organizations were able to leverage collaborative partnerships, ecosystem-driven strategies, and innovative business models to rapidly commercialize and scale their transformative solutions, addressing critical societal needs with unprecedented speed and efficiency. Complementing these conventional strategies, the field of Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of commercialization and launch approaches that prioritize social and environmental impact, drawing on the principles of a "humanist economics" (Quijano, 2000) and a "liberation praxis" (Mignolo, 2011) to challenge the dominant, extractive models of capitalism. By developing innovative business models and collaborative partnerships that prioritize the well-being of people and the planet, innovators can drive breakthrough innovations to market in a way that contributes to more sustainable, equitable, and resilient futures.

VI. Cultivating an Ecosystem for Accelerated Innovation

Underpinning the cutting-edge strategies and tools outlined in this article is the fundamental understanding that driving breakthrough innovations to market with unprecedented speed and efficiency requires a holistic, systemic approach (Aldoseri, Al-Khalifa & Hamouda, 2024 ; Schot & Geels, 2008; Consoli & Elche, 2013). This approach is grounded in the principles of complexity theory, systems thinking, and transition studies, which emphasize the interconnected nature of social, ecological, and economic systems (Cilliers, 1998; Geels, 2002). At the core of this innovation ecosystem are the organizational capabilities, leadership mindsets, and collaborative networks that enable innovators to rapidly translate visionary ideas into game-changing realities (Tidd & Bessant, 2018; Eisenhardt & Martin, 2000). This includes fostering a culture of agility, experimentation, and continuous learning, as well as investing in robust systems for data integration, knowledge management, and collaborative decision-making (Gomes & Kruglianskas, 2009; Kohavi & Longbotham, 2017). Beyond the internal organizational dynamics, innovators must also cultivate a broader ecosystem of external stakeholders, including customers, partners, regulators, and investors, who can provide vital resources, capabilities, and market insights to fuel the innovation process (Chesbrough, 2003; Bogers et al., 2017). Examples include France's Investments for the Future program, which has driven innovation acceleration through public-private collaboration (Hatchuel et al., 2011), and Kenya's off-grid energy initiatives, which have catalyzed the rapid development and scaling of innovative business models and technologies (Rip & Kemp, 1998). Innovationology further emphasizes the importance of developing these innovation ecosystems through a decolonial and post-colonial lens, challenging dominant power structures and centering the perspectives and needs of marginalized communities (Moleka, 2024a ; 2024b ; Mignolo, 2011; Quijano, 2000). By fostering collaborative networks and knowledge-sharing platforms that transcend traditional boundaries and hierarchies, innovators can unlock more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable pathways for driving breakthrough innovations to market.

VII. Limitations and Outlook

While this pioneering work in Innovationology offers a comprehensive, evidence-based framework for accelerating the innovation lifecycle, it acknowledges several limitations that present opportunities for future research and application.

1. Limitations

- Potential geographical and cultural biases in the literature and case study sample, despite the efforts to incorporate diverse perspectives.
- Challenges in generalizing the findings to specific industry contexts or organizational settings.

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- Absence of longitudinal data on the long-term impact and sustainability of the proposed acceleration strategies.

2. Outlook

- Conducting further empirical validation through large-scale surveys, in-depth interviews, and action research with innovation practitioners, particularly those grounded in decolonial and post-colonial perspectives.
- Exploring sector-specific applications and adaptations of the Innovationology framework to enhance its practical relevance and accessibility for marginalized communities.
- Investigating the dynamic capabilities and organizational factors that enable continuous innovation and adaptation, with a focus on principles of sustainability, equity, and resilience.
- Collaborating with policymakers and ecosystem stakeholders to develop comprehensive, systemic approaches to accelerating innovation at the national and regional levels, drawing on complexity theory and transition studies.
- Longitudinal studies to assess the long-term outcomes and societal impact of organizations that have implemented the Innovationology strategies, with a particular emphasis on their contributions to social and environmental justice.

VIII. Conclusions

In an era of relentless technological disruption, shifting consumer preferences, and mounting global crises, the ability to rapidly develop and scale transformative innovations has never been more crucial. Yet the complex, multifaceted innovation process is often plagued by bottlenecks and challenges that can significantly delay the time-to-market for breakthrough new products, services, and business models.

This article, rooted in the burgeoning field of Innovationology, has offered an evidence-based framework to date for shortening the innovation lifecycle and accelerating the pace of breakthrough innovations. By mapping the key stages of the innovation process, illuminating an integrated suite of cutting-edge strategies, and cultivating a holistic, multi-stakeholder innovation ecosystem informed by complexity theory, transition studies, and post-colonial perspectives, this seminal work has established a new benchmark for innovation research and empowered scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to drive the bold, disruptive changes needed to shape a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient future. At the heart of this Innovationology framework is a fundamental shift in mindset, from a linear, siloed approach to innovation to a dynamic, systems-level perspective that embraces complexity, collaboration, and inclusive development. By harnessing advanced ideation techniques, agile prototyping and virtual experimentation, and data-driven commercialization and launch strategies, innovators can dramatically accelerate the time-to-market for transformative new solutions. Underpinning these cutting-edge tools and methodologies is the cultivation of a robust, multi-stakeholder innovation ecosystem, grounded in the principles of complexity theory, transition studies, and post-colonial thinking. This ecosystem fosters the organizational capabilities, leadership mindsets, and collaborative networks needed to rapidly translate visionary ideas into game-changing realities, while also ensuring that the innovation process is aligned with the pursuit of more sustainable, equitable, and resilient futures. As the world navigates an era of ever-more complex, interconnected challenges, the ability to rapidly develop and scale breakthrough innovations has never been more crucial. This pioneering article in the field of Innovationology represents a vital resource for unlocking the transformative potential of visionary ideas and translating them into game-changing realities with unprecedented speed and efficiency, while also driving fundamental shifts towards more inclusive, sustainable, and just societal outcomes. By embracing the comprehensive, evidence-based framework outlined in this seminal work, innovation practitioners, researchers, and policymakers can catalyze a new era of accelerated, impact-driven innovation - one

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that not only solves immediate problems but also lays the foundations for a more equitable, resilient, and regenerative future for all.

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